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LIGAMENT-TENSIONING DEVICE WITH DISPLACEABLE CLAWS

the specification of which

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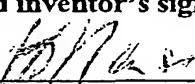
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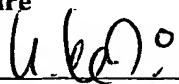
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